

## I – 90 Bridge Overlook (Floating Bridge Viewpoint)

Lake Washington Boulevard S. and S. Day



### LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The park is located in the Leschi neighborhood above the I-90 bridge. The viewpoint provides wide-angle views of Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains. Park property borders all sides of the viewpoint. 90% of the intended viewshed is present.

### SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The park is situated at the top of a steeply terraced slope of ornamental shrubs. Views to the south and north are obstructed from the bench by the shrub *Euonymus alatus*, Burning Bush. Though shrubs have been hedged to assist in maximizing views, the genetic propensity of height and shrub growth prohibits how much can be pruned. In addition, a Portuguese Laurel growing on a lower terrace needs to be pruned to limit view obstruction to the north.

### MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

#### A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

##### Category 2 – Pruning

Procedures:

1. Shrub pruning using ANSI 300 standards
2. Remove e *Euonymus* on both sides of viewpoint and replace with dwarf variety of shrub to maintain aesthetics and continuity.
3. Mulch new plantings
4. Provide irrigation to new plants

#### B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- Control height of adjacent vegetation
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

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| View management locations:<br>Zone 1 - Developed park landscape |
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## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### Priority 3

Tall shrubs blocking views north and south from the viewing bench should be removed and replanted with the same species (*Euonymus alatus*) using a dwarf variety to maximize intended views.

### Phasing

- Phase 1 - Remove shrubs; prune height on Portuguese Laurel
- Phase 2 - Plant small replacement dwarf variety hedges in planters  
Mulch new plantings  
Provide temporary irrigation

### Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

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| UF staff:                                     | -prune and remove            |
| shrubsContractor, UF staff and/or volunteers: | -plant hedges and mulching   |
| Park Maintenance staff:                       | -control adjacent vegetation |

## I-90 Bridge Overlook - East Portal Park



Height of vegetation  
blocks views to the  
northeast

Height of vegetation obstructs  
views from bench to south



Ornamental vegetation in  
front of wall





# LEGEND

## LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

## East Portal Viewpoint

1:600



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